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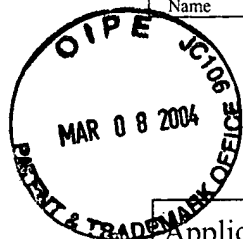
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Sir:

This communication is in response to the outstanding Office Action mailed December 4, 2003, in the above-identified application, having a three-month period for response set to expire March 4, 2004. Please credit any overpayment or charge any fee deficiency to Deposit Account No. 13-2755.

Applicants respectfully request the following amendments be entered and the claims considered in light thereof.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION appear in the substitute specification submitted herewith. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.125, a clean version of the substitute specification is also submitted.

REMARKS begin on page 2 of this paper.